

## Who can organize a Coral Triangle Day?

The Coral Triangle Day is intended to be an open-sourced event where any individual, organization, or establishment can organize anything they want in relation to the Coral Triangle in particular, and ocean conservation in general.

## What is the theme of 2021 Coral Triangle Day?

This year, the theme is **Driving Blue Recovery for A Sustainable Coral Triangle**. The theme recognizes the importance of promoting and supporting 'blue recovery' as vital part of the CT6 member countries' recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. With people relying on coastal and marine ecosystems to provide livelihood and food security, investing and supporting biodiversity-conservataion and sustainable practices are keys to a thriving future. The theme also resonates with World Ocean's Day Theme - The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods.

This year's annual event will also highlight the following: (a) importance of ocean knowledge and science towards attaining a healthy and sustainable Coral Triangle; (b) marine and coastal ecosystem restoration; (c) food security; (d) role of women, youth, communities, indigenous groups in coastal and marine recovery/restoration; and (e) sustainable marine ecotourism.

## What are the activities I can organize or participate to celebrate Coral Triangle Day?

We encourage you and your partners to join or organise activities appropriate during these trying times to ensure safety to you and your target participants. Some of these activities may be but not limited to webinars, podcasts, blog posts, events (virtual), social media posts, radio and tv guestings via online platforms, news and feature story releases.

## How can I get regional exposure for my own Coral Triangle Day activity?

All activities happening around the region on this day or in the month of June will be prominently featured in the Coral Triangle Day website: [www.coraltriangleday.org](http://www.coraltriangleday.org) and CTI-CFF website: [www.coraltriangleinitiative.org](http://www.coraltriangleinitiative.org).

You can share your photos/videos and line-up of activities through email: [regional.secretariat@cticff.org](mailto:regional.secretariat@cticff.org). The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat will upload your photos and activities onto the CT Day website.

## Can other countries outside the Coral Triangle participate in the Coral Triangle Day?

Yes. Though the Coral Triangle geographically encompasses six countries in Asia Pacific, its valuable resources are utilized and enjoyed by people from all over the world. Much of our seafood, for example, comes from the Coral Triangle and are exported to markets including Hongkong, Singapore, the United States, Japan and numerous European countries. Everyone has a large stake in protecting the Coral Triangle.



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June 9  
Coral Triangle Day

DRIVING  
BLUE RECOVERY  
FOR A SUSTAINABLE  
CORAL TRIANGLE



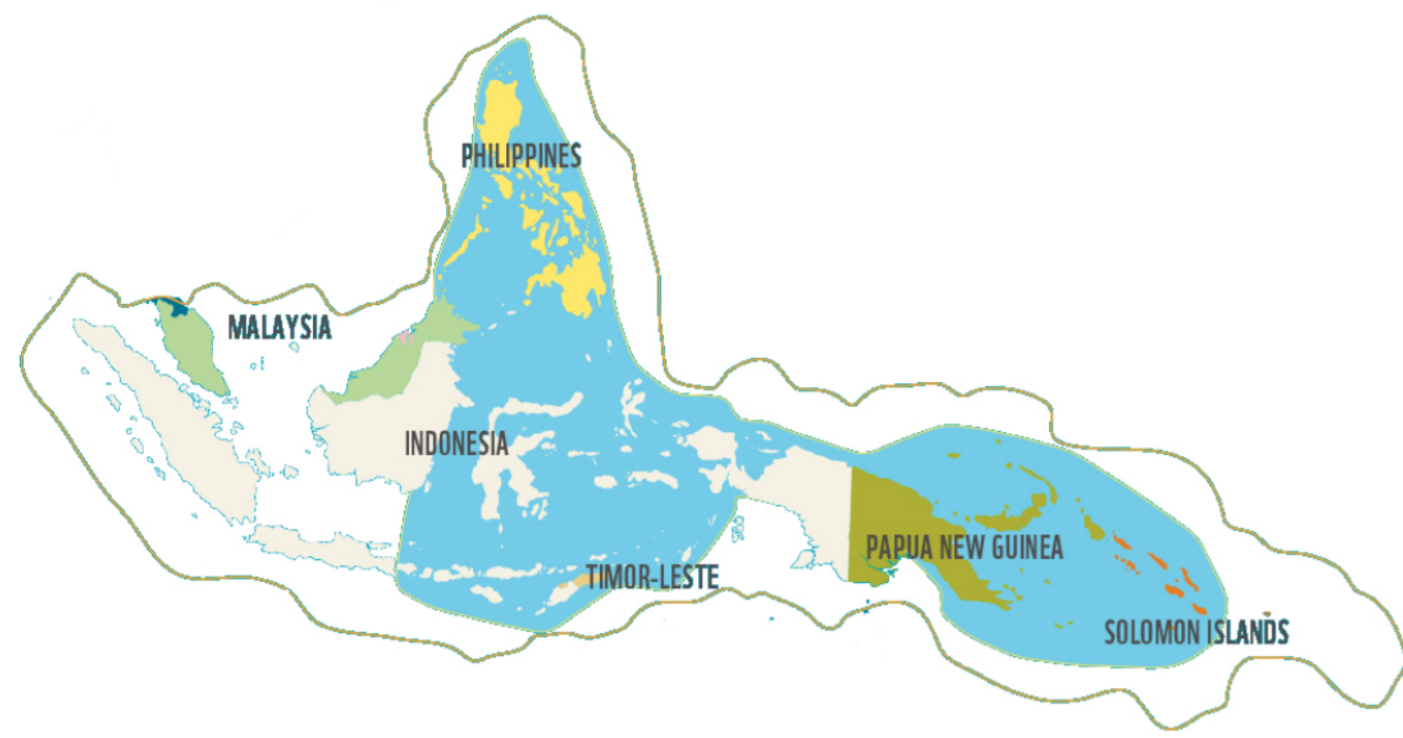


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### What is Coral Triangle?

The Coral Triangle is one of the three great ecological complexes on the planet, together with the Congo Basin and the Amazon Rainforest. It is a vast ocean expanse that geographically spreads across six countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste (CT6 member countries)

### Why is the Coral Triangle important?

The Coral Triangle is the nursery of the seas, which provides spawning grounds and migratory routes for commercially-valuable open species such as tuna. This center of marine life hosts 76% of the world's coral species and 37% of the world's reef fish species and shelters thousands of whales, dolphins, rays, sharks and 6 of the world's 7 species of marine turtles. It is an underwater treasure trove that directly sustains the lives of more than 130 million people who heavily depend on marine resources for food and income.

### What are the threats to the Coral Triangle?

Unsustainable coastal development, destructive fishing, overfishing, unsustainable tourism and climate change, among many others, are taking heavy toll, and if left unchecked, will cause the collapse of this world's most remarkable coral reef ecosystem.

### What is Coral Triangle Day?

The Coral Triangle Day is an annual, open-sourced event that brings together individuals, organizations, and establishments on one special day of the year to protect and conserve the Coral Triangle.

### When is the Coral Triangle Day?

The Coral Triangle Day is on June 9 in conjunction with World Oceans Day, but others may opt to celebrate this on the nearest weekend (some, the entire week/month).

### What is the goal of the Coral Triangle Day?

The goal of the Coral Triangle Day is to position the Coral Triangle as a globally-significant ecoregion—a modern day icon of the natural world so that millions of people learn more about its significance to their everyday lives and are empowered to take specific actions to help conserve and protect this natural treasure. It aims to:

- Bring to light the importance of oceans in people's lives and the need to protect them;
- Highlight the conservation work being done by Coral Triangle partners in the region to help protect the Coral Triangle;
- Provide a regional platform to promote national/local marine conservation work in each Coral Triangle country; and
- Provide a tangible way for people to celebrate several key international marine events such as World Oceans Day (8 June).

